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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on October 3, 2002 in the above-identified application.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants petition for a three (3)-months extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) to extend the time for response up to and including April 3, 2002. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$465.00 required fee for a small entity and any additional fee required with this petition to Deposit Account No. 23-1703.

Please amend the application as follows:

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